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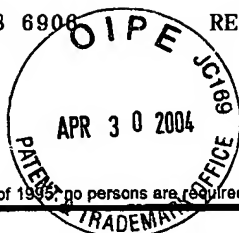
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555255012530

First Named Inventor

Gerhard D. Klassen

**COMPLETE IF KNOWN**

Application Number

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Filing Date

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Examiner Name

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MULTI-COMMUNITY INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM AND DEVICE**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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is attached hereto

OR

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/08/2003

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

10/730,682

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventorGiven Name **Gerhard D.**  
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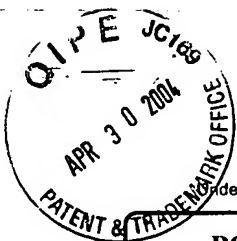
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| <b>Christopher R.</b>                             |                             | <b>Wormald</b>  |                              |
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as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

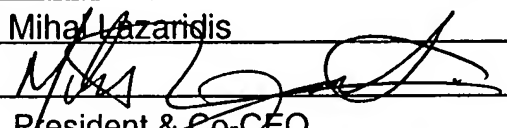
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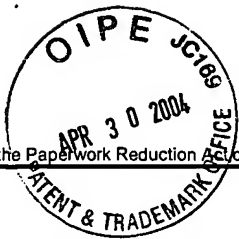
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Gerhard D. Klassen, Craig A. Dunk, Christopher R. WormaldApplication No./Patent No.: 10/730,682 Filed/Issue Date: 12/08/2003Entitled: MULTI-COMMUNITY INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM AND DEVICEResearch In Motion Limited, a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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David B. Cochran

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David Cochran  
SignatureAttorney (Agent) for Assignee

Title

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, new and useful improvements have been made by the undersigned in

### MULTI-COMMUNITY INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM AND DEVICE

and are the subject of a patent application prepared for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office attached hereto, and executed by the undersigned on the dates indicated below in the appropriate spaces to the left of the signatures of the undersigned, which application is further identified as Jones Day Docket No. **555255012530**.

WHEREAS, RESEARCH IN MOTION LIMITED, a corporation organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, CANADA, having a place of business at 295 Phillip Street, Waterloo, Ontario, CANADA, N2L 3W8, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, all patents which may be granted for said improvements and inventions by states or nations other than the United States, or by other authority, entity, or organization, and all applications therefor, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title and interest in, to, and under the same.

The undersigned hereby grants the firm of JONES DAY the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

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Gerhard D. Klassen  
Gerhard D. Klassen  
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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, JONATHAN NOBELS, whose full Post Office address is

15 JACKSON ST. GUELPH, ONTARIO  
(Address of Witness)

hereby declare that I was personally present and did see the above named person, personally known to me to be the person named in the assignment, duly sign and execute the same.


Date: DEC 9, 2003

[Signature]  
(Signature of Witness)



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

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Craig A. Dunk  
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